

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

In the Final rejection mailed September 20, 2007: claims 83-93, 95 and 97-105 were rejected over various combinations of WO '882, Kunisawa et al., Dordi et al. and Reynolds. And, claims 94 and 96 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

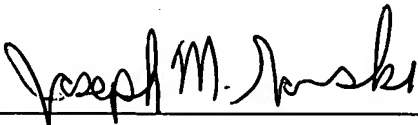
Accordingly, without acquiescing to the appropriateness of the prior art rejections issued by the Examiner, and solely to further advance prosecution of this application, by the current Amendment, claims 83-105 have been canceled, and allowable claims 94 and 96 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 106 and 107, respectively.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, with the allowed claims being 106 and 107, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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